

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 are pending in this patent application. By this amendment, claims 1, 11, and 19 have been canceled, and claims 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20, 23, 25, 27, 30, and 34 have been amended. Reconsideration of this patent application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 4-10, 12, 14-18, 25, 26, 28-34 were indicated in the Office Action Summary as being objected to. Since these claims were not rejected in the Office Action it is presumed that the Examiner considers them as being allowable if rewritten in independent form and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Such rewriting has been done. Thus, claims 4-10, 12, 14-18, 25, 26, 28-34 are believed to be in proper form for allowance.

Claim Objections

Claims 6 and 19 were objected to, and Applicants have amended claim 6 in accordance with the suggestion of the Examiner. And claim 19 has been canceled.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection

Claims 1-3, 11, 13, 19-24, and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Ryan (U.S. Patent No. 853,832). Claims 1, 11, and 19 have been canceled. Claims 2, 3, 13, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 27 were amended

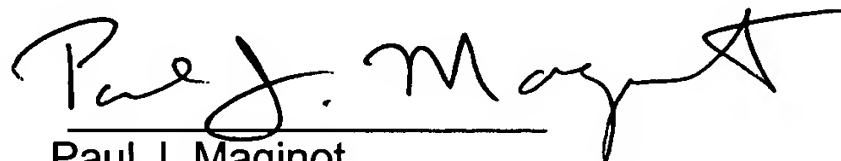
directly or indirectly to be dependent on a presumably allowable base claim. As a result, for at least this reason, claims 2, 3, 13, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 27 are believed to be in allowable form.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Action to that end is hereby solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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